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Judge Kuebler Dies in Auto Accident



PHOENIX, Judge Robert W. Kuebler Jr., Prescott City Magistrate, Justice of the Peace in Yavapai County Justice Court, and a Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Judge died in an auto accident in Deer Lodge, Montana, Monday afternoon. His wife, Miriam Kuebler, and 13-year-old son were traveling with him on vacation. Both survived the crash, but Miriam Kuebler had to be evacuated by air to a regional hospital, where she is in critical condition.

Judge Kuebler was born September 17, 1947, in Evanston, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, and a law degree from Arizona State University College of Law in 1972. After graduating from law school, he moved to Yavapai County where he joined the County Attorney's office and specialized in prosecuting major felony cases.

In addition to accepting a position with the Yavapai County Attorney, Judge Kuebler also joined the faculty at Yavapai College in 1973, starting what would become nearly three decades of teaching and lecturing. He lectured on criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional law, rules of evidence and domestic violence at Yavapai College. He also lectured at the Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy and the Arizona State Detention Academy, presenting programs on search and seizure issues to law enforcement. For the last 10 years, he lectured at the Arizona New Judge Orientation and the National Center for State Courts on calendar management and other issues. Judge Kuebler was a founding member of the Arizona Council on Judicial Education and Training, and joined the faculty of the National Judicial College in 1991. With the National Judicial College, Judge Kuebler presented programs to judges from Russia, the Ukraine, China, Armenia and Algeria. Last year, he traveled to Macedonia to present educational programs to Macedonian Judges.

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At the time of his death, Judge Kuebler was serving as a Prescott Tribal Judge, a Justice of the Peace in Yavapai County, and a City Magistrate with the City of Prescott, positions he had held since 1977. Judge Kuebler was a member of the Arizona Judicial Council, a committee that advises the Arizona Supreme Court on judicial policy. Judge Kuebler had also served as a City Magistrate with Chino Valley from 1973 to 1991, a City Magistrate with the Town of Prescott Valley from 1978 to 1982, and as a Prosecuting Attorney with the Yavapai County Attorney from 1973 to 1977.

During his career as a judge and an educator, Judge Kuebler received numerous honors. He was awarded the Judicial Service Award in 1987, the Chancellors Award by Embry Riddle University in 1989, the Prescott Distinguished Faculty Award from Yavapai College in 1991, and he was honored as Prescott's Visionary of the Year for his courts' many innovative programs.

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